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Microsoft has shown its clear disdain for the law in its actions following the last consent decree. This conviction is the only opportunity that consumers have to wrest control of the technology sector from a company that has dramatically slowed innovation and increased prices in an industry where prices have traditionally fallen.

It is imperative that something be done, and the present settlement is too weak, lacks enough enforcement, and has too many loopholes. This weak settlement is unlikely to have any greater effect than the previous consent decree.

Much stronger action is required. A stronger settlement is warranted and required by the facts in the case, especially after being upheld by a very sympathetic court of appeals.

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